



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 641**

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**Chairperson:** Tom Carlson  
**Committee:** Agriculture  
**Date of Hearing:** February 10, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 641 declares a public interest in stimulating research, demonstration, technology transfer and commercialization of innovations in renewable diesel production and proposes a targeted incentive for qualifying renewable diesel production to advance this public interest. It is particularly the intent of the bill to stimulate investment in projects leading toward commercialization of renewable diesel systems that achieve greater net energy balance and avoid or mitigate competition for utilization of agricultural land and commodities for renewable fuel production and food and feed production. The bill in essence is intended as a means of offering a risk premium for production resulting from pioneering investments in this state in the commercial application of promising advances in renewable diesel production methods.

The bill outlines qualifying criteria and provides for a process of prequalification in order to claim the incentive. The incentive is in the form of a direct subsidy within annual and cumulative limits, and to the extent for which funding is actually provided.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Ken Schilz**